

Citizens may comment on a permit for the withdrawal of ground water in Newport News, Virginia

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: June 12, 2005 to July 12, 2005

PERMIT NAME: Ground Water Withdrawal Permit

Any person or facility that proposes to withdraw 300,000 gallons per month or more in a ground water management area may have to submit a permit application to the Department of Environmental Quality, which is under the authority delegated by the State Water Control Board.

PURPOSE OF NOTICE: To invite the public to comment on the draft permit.

APPLICANT NAME, ADDRESS AND PERMIT NUMBER: Kinder Morgan Bulk Terminals: Pier IX Terminal; 21ST Street and Terminal Ave., Newport News, VA 23607; GW0044700

NAME AND LOCATION OF WATER WITHDRAWAL: Pier IX Terminals; off of Harbor Road in Newport News, VA

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Kinder Morgan Bulk Terminals: Pier IX Terminal has applied for re-issuance of a permit to provide industrial water for suppression of dust associated with coal piles in Newport News, Virginia. The permit would allow the applicant to withdraw an average of 116,630 gallons per day. The ground water withdrawal will support dust suppression associated with coal piles. The proposed withdrawal will utilize the Columbia aquifer at a depth of approximately 2 feet to 25 feet below the land surface at the withdrawal site and the Middle Potomac aquifer at a depth of 795 to 1150 feet at the withdrawal site. An aquifer is a body of rock or layer of sediment in the ground in which ground water is stored and transported. DEQ has made a tentative decision to issue the permit.

HOW A DECISION IS MADE: After public comments have been considered and addressed by the permit or other means, DEQ will decide whether to issue the permit or to conduct a public hearing. DEQ may hold a public hearing, including another comment period, if public response is significant and there are substantial, disputed issues relevant to the proposed permit. If there is a public hearing, the State Water Control Board will make the final decision.

HOW TO COMMENT: DEQ accepts comments by e-mail, fax or postal mail. All comments must be in writing; contain a brief statement on how the proposal affects the person commenting, other users or the aquifer; and be received by DEQ during the comment period. The public also may request a public hearing. If a public hearing is requested, the written comments should also include the reason for holding a hearing and related factual concerns.

TO REVIEW THE DRAFT PERMIT AND APPLICATION: The public may review the documents at the DEQ Tidewater Regional Office every work day by appointment.

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